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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: DONALD W. BRYAN

TITLE: PEDICLE SCREW SPINAL

FIXATION DEVICE

SERIAL NO.: 10/075,795) RESPONSE B

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EXAMINER: E. Robert

ART UNIT: 3732

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Sir:

Responsive to the Election/Restriction requirement contained in the Office Action mailed July 27, 2005, Applicant requests entry of this Response B, including an election of one of the inventions contained therein, and reconsideration of the above-captioned application in view of the election.

A shortened statutory period for response of one (1) month was set for response to the Office Action. Accordingly, this Response B is considered timely, without an extension of time, since it is being filed on or before August 27, 2005.

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